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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554
Re: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Downriver Council for the Arts and all the cultural organizations in Southeastern Wayne County, I would like to encourage the Federal Communications Corporation to permit SBC to offer long distance service in Michigan.

SBC is a valued corporation in our community, providing essential telecommunications services, employment and civic leadership. Thanks to the generosity of the SBC Foundation, we are able to offer cultural opportunities to at-risk, disadvantaged and underserved youth in our community.

As a nonprofit cultural organization, we welcome the benefits of regulated competition and one phone bill for local and long distance service.

We trust your Commission will approve SBC's long distance application for Michigan.

Sincerely,

Richard Green
Executive Director
Downriver Council for the Arts